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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW-ACTION SUMMARY-THIRD WEEK OF
ROUND II

SUMMARY: IT WAS A BAD WEEK. ONLY ONE ITEM OF THE NINE SCHEDULED (IL 1416) , WAS RESOLVED, AND THAT BY A US OBJECTION. ON ANOTHER, IL 1485, WE AGAIN HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS. ON IL 1460 WE WERE ALONE IN RESERVING ON THE UK PROPOSALS. WE HAVE EXTENSIVE HOMEWORK TO DO ON THE SEMICONDUCTOR ITEMS, IL 1544, 1545, AND 1500 NI 2, AND NEED RECONSIDERATION OF IL 1564 RESERVES. OUR PROPOSAL ON SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING AND TEST EQUIPMENT, (IL 1355) LATER THAN IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN, WAS CRITICIZED FOR BEING TOO LONG, AS WELL, AND MAY NEED REVISION TO OBTAIN ACCEPTANCE. IL 1204 CAN BE RESOLVED EASILY BY AGREEING WITH THE CONSENSUS THAT THIS EQUIPMENT IS ALREADY COVERED BY IL 1355 AND HENCE SEPARATE LISTING IN 1204 CAN BE DELETED. ACTION REQUESTED: AS SUGGESTED ABOVE AND DETAILED IN MESSAGES CITED IN EACH ITEM SUMMARY. END SUMMARY.

1. IL 1416 - VESSELS. ALTHOUGH USDEL OBJECTED, AS INSTRUCTED TO THE GERMAN PROPOSAL TO EXCLUDE FROM COVERAGE CONTAINERSHIPS OF 33-KNOT SPEED OR SLOWER, IT WAS IN THE FACE OF OTHERWISE UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT OF
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THE OTHER MEMBERS, WHO FELT SUCH VESSELS DID NOT MEET

THE STRATEGIC CRITERIA. THE GERMAN DELEGATION INDICATED IT WOULD SUBMIT A FURTHER PROPOSAL. THE US SHOULD RECONSIDER ITS POSITION IN THE LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING, SINCE A WITHDRAWAL OF THE US OBJECTION COULD ONLY HAVE A FAVORABLE IMPACT ON AGREEMENT BY OTHER MEMBERS FOR ADD-ONS DESIRED BY THE US. OECD PARIS 6836 HAS DETAILS.

2. IL 1460 - AIRCRAFT: THE US WAS ALONE IN RESERVING ON THE REVISED UK PROPOSAL ON EXPORT OF "OLD" AIRCRAFT ENGINES AND MAINTAINED ITS RESERVE ON RELAXATION OF THRUST LIMIT TO 6,500 LBS. WE WERE WITHOUT REBUTTAL TO EVIDENCE OF BLOC CAPABILITY IN THIS FIELD. THE USDEL SHOULD BE FURNISHED INSTRUCTIONS SOON TO JOIN THE EXISTING MAJORITY OR, IF OBJECTION IS REQUIRED, CONVINCING RATIONALE RESPONSIVE TO POINTS RAISED BY OTHER DELEGATIONS. SEE OECD PARIS 6055.

3. IL 1485 - NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT: ROUND II DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM WAS POSTPONED WHEN IT DEVELOPED THAT THE US, THE ONLY DELEGATION IN RESERVE ON UK PROPOSALS, WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. OECD PARIS 6837.

4. IL 1544 - DIODES: IN AN ADMITTEDLY COMPLEX ITEM, THE US WAS AGAIN ALONE IN RESERVE ON REDEFINITION PROPOSALS OFFERED BY OTHER DELEGATIONS, AND FOUGHT AN UPHILL, UNSUCCESSFUL BATTLE TO OBTAIN COMMITTEE AGREEMENT TO A LAST-MINUTE, INADEQUATELY DOCUMENTED REDEFINITION WHICH WAS RESENTFULLY SEEN BY OTHERS AS A DISGUISED EXTENSION OF THE EMBARGO. AUTHORIZATION TO LIFT RESERVES, CONFIRM AD REF AGREEMENTS, AND TO WITHDRAW US COUNTERPROPOSAL ON SUB-ITEM (F) (OR ALTERNATIVELY, FURTHER DETAILED SUPPORTING INFORMATION RELATED TO COCOM CRITERIA) ARE REQUIRED ASAP. SEE OECD PARIS 6956 AND 7425.

5. IL 1500 NI 2 - THYRISTORS: US COUNTERPROPOSAL FOR THE UK SUGGESTION TO SEPARATE THYRISTORS FROM PRESENT COVERAGE WITH DIODES (1544, ABOVE) WAS POORLY RECEIVED BECAUSE THE PARAMETERS CHOSEN FOR OUR FIGURE OF MERIT EMBARGO FORMULA ARE APPARENTLY NOT READILY AVAILABLE.
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INSTRUCTIONS WITH FURTHER REFINEMENT, OR AGREEMENT TO THE ORIGINAL UK PROPOSAL (OTHERWISE ACCEPTED BY ALL DELEGATIONS) SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO USDEL SOONEST. SEE OECD PARIS 7073 AND 7451.

6. IL 1545 - TRANSISTORS: A NEGOTIATED CONSENSUS WAS ATTAINED CONCERNING A REDEFINITION OF THE TRANSISTOR EMBARGO WHICH USDEL AND WASHINGTON TEAM REGARD AS REA-

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SONABLE IN MILITARY/STRATEGIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL/INTELLIGENCE TERMS. OUR INSTRUCTIONS WERE FLAWED BY INCONGRUITIES STEMMING FROM THE INSERTION OF JUDGEMENTS MADE WITHOUT REFERENCE TO COCOM HISTORY AND RULES. INSTRUCTIONS AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW DEFINITION WITHOUT CHANGE SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED IMMEDIATELY SO THAT THE ITEM MAY BE CONCLUDED WITHOUT FURTHER DISCUSSION. SEE OECD PARIS 8050.

7. IL 1564 - ELECTRONIC COMPONENT ASSEMBLIES (INTEGRATED CIRCUITS): THE US DELEGATION LACKED SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON THE LATEST UK COUNTERPROPOSALS FOR THE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT PORTION OF THIS DIFFICULT AND IMPORTANT ITEM, BUT, WITH THE EXPERTISE PROVIDED FROM USAF AVIONICSCOMMAND AND OEA TECHNICIANS, PARTICIPATED FULLY IN THE FAST-MOVING DEBATES. INSTRUCTIONS ARE REQUIRED ON SUB-ITEMS ON WHICH US TEAM FELT RESERVE WAS REQUIRED. SEE OECD PARIS 6550 AND 7419.

8. IL 1355 - SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING AND TEST EQUIPMENT: THIS AND OTHER USDEL MESSAGES OFTEN CARRY THE COMPLAINT "TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE." THE US COUNTERPROPOSAL ON 1355 (IN FACT, AN ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WHICH TOOK NO ACCOUNT OF ROUND 1 DISCUSSIONS) WAS "TOO MUCH, TOO LATE

OTHER DELEGATIONS FAULTED US FOR BEING TOO DETAILED
SO THAT THE VERY BULK OF OUR PROPOSAL PRECLUDED
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ADEQUATE STUDY OF THE DOCUMENT BEFORE ROUND II. SOME
INDICATED THAT THE US VERSION WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO
ADMINISTER AND CARRIED THE RISK THAT ITS VERY SPECIFIC
LISTINGS WOULD FAIL TO COVER SIGNIFICANT EQUIPMENT
NOT YET DEVELOPED, OR, PERHAPS, OVERLOOKED. THE UK MAR-
SHALLED A NUMERICALLY IMPRESSIVE SELECTION OF SOVIET
BROCHURES SUGGESTING BLOC CAPABILITY IN IC MANUFACTUR-
ING. SINCE IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO
ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE US PROPOSAL, THE
US SHOULD GIVE FURTHER STUDY TO PENDING PROPOSALS OF
OTHER DELEGATIONS WITH A VIEW TO FURTHER REFINEMENT OF
US PROPOSAL, TAKING ACCOUNT OF ROUND I AND II DISCUS-
SIONS. SEE OECD PARIS 7311.

9. IL 1204 - ELECTRON BEAM DEPOSITION EQUIPMENT: IN A
DISCUSSION CHARACTERIZED BY DEBATE BETWEEN THE FRENCH
AND US ON THE EXTENT OF IL 1204 COVERAGE, THE JAPANESE
COUNTERPROPOSAL, DESIGNED TO GIVE RELAXATION TO EQUIP-
MENT FOR COATING CAMERA LENSES, WAS ACCEPTED BY ALL
DELEGATIONS EXCEPT THE US. (IN ROUND II, ALL OTHER
DELEGATIONS HAD ALSO ACCEPTED A PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER
IC-MANUFACTURING ASPECTS OF THE ITEM TO IL 1355 AND DE-
LETE THE BALANCE). SINCE THE SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS
ARE AGREED AS ALREADY CAUGHT BY IL 1355 (C), THE USDEL
SUGGESTS ACCEPTANCE OF THE ORIGINAL JAPANESE PROPOSAL
(PREFERRED COURSE) OR LIFTING OF OUR RESERVE ON THE
PRESENT ONE. OECD 7356.
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